Problems faced by street vendors

328. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the urban vendors in various cities across the country are facing serious impediments in their effort to earn their livelihood due to modernization drive;

(b) if so, the details of the issues being faced by street vendors;

(c) whether Government are coming up with any concrete plan to alleviate these problems; and

(d) if so, the salient features of the said plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Urban street vendors face some problems such as forced eviction by the local and police authorities, lack of basic amenities like public toilets, drinking water, electricity, solid waste disposal storage facility for their wares.

(c) and (d) Even though this is a State subject, this Ministry has formulated a National Policy on Urban Street Vendors in January, 2004 in order to provide and promote a supportive environment for earning livelihoods to the street vendors, as well as to ensure absence of congestion and maintenance of hygiene in public spaces and streets and circulated the Policy to all the States/UTs for its suitable and appropriate adoption to suit local conditions and also respecting court decisions, if any. The salient feature of the National Policy on Urban street vendors is enclosed as statement.

Statement

Salient Features of the National Policy on Urban Street Vendors:

- To recognize the service rendered by the vendors to the economy of the country and promote a supportive environment or them to earn their livelihood.

- To recognize their right to livelihood and to live dignity to the informal sector. To consider review of legal framework to legitimate street vending.

- To facilitate use of identified space without obstruction.

- To regulate street vending through participatory mechanism and self- compliance

- To promote organizations of vendors to facilitate their empowerment.

- To strive for promoting social security and financial services by providing access to credit through promotion of Self Help Groups (SHGs), Cooperatives etc.

Broadcast Bill

329. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would bring forward the Broadcast Bill during the current session of Parliament; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the Bill?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is considering a proposed Broadcasting Services Regulation Bill in consultation with concerned Ministries. A need has also been felt to consult the media in the matter.

It is, therefore, difficult to give a time-frame on the proposal.

Violation of Programme and Advertising Code

330. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued 150 show cause notices over the last two years to different television channels for violation of Programme and Advertising Code;

(b) if so, what action has been taken against them and the steps taken to check violation of code by them;